



SABIT GROUP PROGRAM

METALS AND MINERALS MINING FOR CENTRAL ASIA

JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 25, 2006

SCOPE AND MISSION

The Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) Metals and Minerals Mining Program is designed to train 18 mid- to senior-level executives from mining exploration and processing companies from Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan). These delegates, screened and selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce, represent a handful of entrepreneurial mining companies and institutes from the region. This program will introduce participants to the status and trends of the U.S. mining and minerals processing industry by visiting industry leaders and regulatory bodies.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program's primary objective is to provide these delegates with a comprehensive understanding of new technologies and services available in the mining industry from companies in the United States. This objective will be carried out through training seminars and visits to U.S. mining project sites, engineering and design firms, equipment manufacturers, regulatory agencies, and learning institutions. After completion of the program, the participants will be able to implement change and make improvements in their organizations in addition to being prepared to work successfully with U.S. partners.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

SABIT offers a unique opportunity for U.S. companies to provide industry insight and training while showcasing their products and services to their Central Asian counterparts. By hosting this SABIT group, U.S. companies will build relationships with the current and future leaders of the Central Asian mining sector. American companies that host this delegation will find that these contacts are invaluable when exploring commercial opportunities and partnerships in the region. Companies that are already active in Central Asia will find that hosting complements and strengthens their presence in the region.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The program will begin January 28th in Washington, D.C. with an orientation and visits to relevant government agencies and associations in the National Capital Area. During the remaining three weeks, the group will travel to key mining industry locations for detailed discussions, training sessions and site visits to host companies and organizations. The program concludes in Washington on February 25th.

HOST THIS DELEGATION

SABIT is currently looking for hosts to provide training and project overviews at their sites or facilities. Based on the delegates' interests and feedback, SABIT has determined that the topics below represent the greatest commercial opportunities for American companies:

- Mining Management and Economics
- Mining Rights and Laws
- Prospecting and Exploration
- Mine Planning and Design
- Mining Techniques
- Mineral Processing and Extractive Metallurgy
- Mine Safety
- Mine Reclamation and Environmental Management

Please visit the SABIT Mining website to view the entire list of topics of interest to this delegation.

COST OF PARTICIPATION

SABIT covers the majority of program costs for all delegates, including round-trip airfare to the United States, all U.S. domestic air travel, housing, insurance, per diem for meals and incidentals, and interpreters who travel with the group. In turn, U.S. host companies and organizations are asked to provide up to one day of presentations focused on their expertise in the metals and minerals mining sector.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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